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1. MISSION OFFICERS HAVE DISCUSSED REFTEL RECOMMENDATIONSON
DEVELOPMENT OF NATO FORCE DATA DOCUMENT MATCHING MCM IN SEVERAL
MEETINGS WITH ACTING WG CHAIRMAN (SMITH) AND SGDS CHAIRMAN
(BRANSON). IN VIEW OF GENERAL ALLIED STATIFACTION WITH N-29 AND
OPPOSITION TO MORE COMPLEX PAPER (REF B), SMITH BELIEVED BEST TACTIC
FOR ADVANCING PROJECT ALONG LINES DESIRED BY U.S. WAS FOR STAFF
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GROUP TO RESUME WORK ON NATO FORCE DOCUMENT COMPARABLE TO MCM
AND TO AVOID IMMEDIATE DEBATE IN SGDS OR WG ON THIS ISSUE.
MISSION OFFICER ALSO DISCUSSED SUBJECT WITH FRG REP (DZIALAS)
WHOSE OPPOSITION (ON INSTRUCTIONS) TO MBFR NATO FORCE DOCUMENT
INCLUDING AIR MANPOWER, HAS LED US TO CONCUR WITH SMITH'S

APPROACH.

2. SMITH BELIEVES CONFUSION REGARDING NATO FORCE DOCUMENT COMPARABLE TO MCM AROSE IN PART BECAUSE MCM AS IT EMERGED FROM MC 224 PROCESS IS DIFFERENT AND MORE COMPLEX THAN STAFF GROUP ANTICIPATED. AT SMITH'S RECOMMENDATION, BRANSON HAS RESUMED WORK ON NATO FORCE DATA DOCUMENT MATCHING MCM; HE IS ATTEMPTING TO PRODUCE DOCUMENT COMPARABLE IN FORMAT AND DETAIL TO MCM USING COMPLETE MCM AS HIS GUIDE.

3. BRANSON INFORMED MISSION OFFICER THAT AS OF DECEMBER 23 HE HAD PREPARED A COMPARISON TABLE FOR ARMY GROUND FORCES, ARMY AVIATION HELICOPTER UNITS AND SSMS "ALMOST COMPARABLE" IN FORMAT AND DETAIL TO MCM. WITH RESPECT TO AIR FORCES, BRANSON SAYS ONLY DATA NATO HOLDS OTHER THAN NUMBERS OF AIRCRAFT ARE GROSS FIGURES FOR NATIONAL AIR FORCES. HE BELIEVES IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO GO TO CAPITALS TO OBTAIN INFORMATION ON FLYING UNITS, HEADQUARTERS, HELICOPTERS, AND DIFFERENT SUPPORT UNITS FOR NATO AIR FORCES. BRANSON MAINTAINS THAT DUE TO DIFFERING ORGANIZATIONS WITHIN NATO AIR FORCES, AIR FORCES TABLES FOR NATO AND WP MAY NOT BE EXACTLY COMPARABLE. USING AVAILABLE INFORMATION, HE IS CONTINUING WORK ON AIR FORCE SECTION OF DOCUMENT.

4. BRANSON HOPES TO COMPLETE NEW PRELIMINARY DRAFT IN EARLY JANUARY. HE TENTATIVELY PLANS TO CIRCULATE DRAFT AT THAT TIME WITH REQUEST THAT CAPITALS (A) UPDATE DATA TO END 1974, (B) COMPLETE MISSING DATA ON AIR FORCES, AND (C) AUTHORIZE RELEASE OF DATA PARTICULARLY WITH REGARD TO AIR FORCES. IN LIGHT OF SUPPORT OF SGDS FOR N-29, BRANSON PLANS DURING JANUARY TO COMPLETE WORK ON N-29 AND UPDATED VERSION OF BLUE BOOK.
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